

U-2 Pilot Powers Weds Psychologist Today

Francis Gary Powers, the 34-year-old U-2 pilot who was shot down over Russia in 1960, today is to marry an Arlington divorcee who worked as a psychologist with the Central Intelligence Agency until last Saturday.

Mr. Powers, now a test pilot for Lockheed Aircraft Corp. in Burbank, Calif., and Mrs. Claudia Edwards Downey, 28, obtained a marriage license in Arlington yesterday.

The ceremony, to be performed by the Rev. Donald Haton, is scheduled for this afternoon at the Methodist Church in Catlett, Va., according to Mrs. O. Douglas Edwards, jr.

Mrs. Edwards is the sister-in-law of Mrs. Downey and lives in the small town of Catlett in Fauquier County about 10 miles southwest of Manassas.

The marriage will be the second for Mrs. Downey, who formerly lived in the Magnolia Gardens apartments, 852 South Frederick street, in Arlington, is a native of Leesburg, Va. She has

a 7-year-old daughter Claudia Dee, according to Mrs. C. L. Wirsing, who rented a one bedroom apartment to Mrs. Downey in 1961.

Mrs. Downey, the former Claudia Taylor Edwards, joined the CIA in 1958 and resigned October 19.

Mrs. Wirsing said that Mrs. Downey had left her forwarding address as "Mrs. F. G. Powers, 320 West Alameda street, Burbank Calif."

A CIA spokesman said that Mrs. Downey was in Greece with the agency in 1959, when Mr. Powers was at an American air base in Adana, Turkey.

It was from that base that Mr. Powers piloted the U-2 spy plane that was brought down by Soviet fire on May 1, 1960.

A Soviet Army tribunal sentenced the flyer to a 10-year prison term in August, 1960, but he was released in February, 1962 in the swap for convicted Soviet spy Rudolf Abel.

Last January he was divorced from his first wife, Barbara, whom he married in 1955.